

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 638

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Katie Elizabeth Donaldson, 2009 Salutatorian of Obion County Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Katie Elizabeth Donaldson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Obion County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Donaldson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Katie has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in several worthwhile extracurricular activities, including the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Health Occupations Students of America, Foreign Language Club, and Photography Club; she has also been a valuable member of her school's cross country team; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as a leader among her peers through dedicated service as Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Key Club, Sophomore Class Secretary, Field Reporter and Student Editor for the monthly student broadcast *Rebel Beat*, and as her school's Delegate to Girls State; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Katie has been a Top Ten academic standout each year of her high school career and has received the Honors English III Award,

English Composition Award, Biology II Award, Government Award, and Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry Award; and

WHEREAS, voted "Most Intelligent" by her senior classmates, Katie was selected Kiwanis Student of the Month and was recently named Obion County Central High School 2009 Kiwanis Student of the Year; she was also a Tennessee Scholar and was named the Tennessee Scholar of the Month for February; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional young lady attended the 2007 Governor's School for the Humanities and has completed the rigorous requirements to become an Obion County Central High School Challenge Graduate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Donaldson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this fall; and

WHEREAS, Katie's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jim and Cindy Donaldson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Obion County Central High School Salutatorian, Katie Elizabeth Donaldson, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.